

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this markup.

I am especially pleased that we are considering the Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA Act). I, along with many members of this committee on both sides of the aisle, have worked on this bill since the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The bill offers strong consumer protections which will help prevent data breaches and inform consumers when they do happen.

It also includes provisions that I worked on that provide Americans with additional rights when dealing with data brokers – those companies that make their money buying and selling the personal information of consumers.

Under this bill, information brokers will be required to ensure the accuracy of their data. Consumers will have access to the information maintained by the companies and the right to request resolution of inaccurate information.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and I yield back.